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1. THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) MET ON MARCH 21, 1977 TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO FLEXIBILITY STUDIES.

2. DEPUTY SYG PANSA TABLED A PAPER DEALING WITH THE TURKISH/GREEK ASPECTS OF THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES (TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW). THE LANGUAGE WAS A RESULT OF MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TURKISH REP, PANSA AND ASYG MUMFORD. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF A WE AGREED, ALONG WITH OTHER NATIONS, TO THE SUGGESTED TEXT. BEGIN TEXT:
SUGGESTED TEXT ON GREEK ASPECTS OF THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES

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THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP AGREED THE ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE VARIOUS NATO BOIDES FOR ACTION ON THE INDIVIDUAL MEASURES IN THE REPORTS FOR:
(A) NORTHERN, SOUTHERN AND MARITIME AREAS;
(B) IN THE CASE OF THE GREEK ASPECTS OF THE REGION-WIDE MEASURES RELATED TO THE SOUTHERN REGION, IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF DECISIONS BY THE APPROPRIATE HIGHER AUTHORITY IN THE LIGHT OF THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF GREECE

WITH NATO'S INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE.

END TEXT.

3. TURNING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SPAIN
(M 61-63), PANSA ASKED FOR COMMENTS FROM NORWAY AND
DENMARK - THE TWO NATIONS WHICH HAD VOICED RESERVATIONS
CONCERNING THEIR CONSIDERATION. THE NORWEGIAN REP STATED
THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOW PREPARED TO ALLOW THE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAND IN THE REPORT PROVIDED THE FOL-
LOWING TEXT WAS APPLIED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS. BEGIN QUOTE:
NO FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN, AT PRESENT, ON SPAIN
BY THE EWG, THE DRC OR SIMILAR SUBORDINATE BODIES. END QUOTE.
DENMARK SUPPORTED NORWAY AND THE EWG AGREED THE TEXT.

4. ON THE MARITIME STUDY MEASURES AS THEY PERTAIN TO OUT-
OF-AREA OPERATIONS (SERIES M 12-15), SACLANT REP STATED
THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ISSUES WHICH FACED THE
ALLIANCE, COULD IMPACT ON THE ALLIANCE AND REQUIRED
THE ALLIANCE'S AWARENESS THROUGH DISCUSSION. HE STRESSED
THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO CONCEDE TO THE SOVIETS BY
DEFAULT OR INATTENTION. THE NORWEGIAN REP, SUPPORTED BY
THE DANISH REP, ADVISED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOW
PREPARED TO ACCEPT PO/77/2 IN PRINCIPLE PROVIDED THE SAME
LANGUAGE AS USED IN THE CASE OF THE SPANISH MEASURES WAS
APPLIED (PARA 3 ABOVE). THE EWG AGREED. THE US REP
(SEIGLE), IN AGREEING, STRESSED THAT AGREEMENT WAS FOR
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PROCEDURAL REASONS AND NOT BECAUSE THE US DID NOT
CONSIDER SACLANT'S RECOMMENDATIONS VALID. CITING PO/72/381
(REVISED) DATED NOV 6, 1972, HE NOTED THAT THE DPC WAS
CHARGED WITH OVERSEEING PLANNING AND EXERCISES AS THEY
RELATE TO OUT-OF-AREA OPERATIONS AND THEREFORE THE EWG,
PROCEDURALLY, WAS NOT THE APPROPRIATE BODY TO DECIDE ON
THE MEASURES.

5. PANSA, STRESSING THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE
THE SPRING MINISTERIALS, STATED THAT HE WOULD SOON SET OUT
AN AGENDA OF WORK SO THAT APPROPRIATE STUDIES COULD
BE COMPLETED. HE WILL STRIVE FOR DRAFT INPUTS BY APRIL 13
AND EWG CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFTS BY APRIL 28, 1977.
WITH REGARD TO THOSE MEASURES WHICH THE EWG IS CHARGED
TO EXAMINE (N-2; N-12 AND M-9) HE ASKED DELEGATIONS TO BE
PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM IN ONE WEEK'S TIME. ACTION
REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO
MEASURES N-2, N-12 AND M-9 BY OOB MARCH 28, 1977.

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